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RUNCKEL DISCUSSES WATER SITUATION

The problem of maintaining the underground water level in this vicinity is one which is occupying the thoughts of many these days. Mr. Chris Runckel, contributes the following annent this question:

During the past month, the pumping at Alvarado by the East Bay Water Company has been reduced to about four million gallons daily. This is a reduction of about one-half of what the company has been diverting during the past year. The reduction has come as a result of the efforts of the Alameda County Water District in protesting against the excessive pumping at Alvarado. The building of the Mokelumne water system by the East Bay Municipal Utility District, the recent bond election and the large storage in the East Bay Water Company's reservoirs have made the present situation possible.

The large amount of released water from the Calaveras dam last summer helped very materially to hold up the underground water level during the past season. It is several feet higheer than last year. The water level below the fault is still dangerously low. Above the fault, the water level has been built up so that it is as high as t he1914 level. The area above the fault is onl yabout one-fifth of the entire district, however.

Another satisfactory feature of the situation is that the Mokelumne system is now completed to the San Joaquin river so that if the necessity arises, water can be pumped into the East Bay Water Company's reservoirs.

Compared to any time in the past ten critical years, the situation is much more encouraging. A wet winter will help to hold the suttiatheert ter wil help to hod the situation for another year.

During the coming year San Francisco wil vote on a bond issue to complete the Hetch Hetchy tunnel from Irvington to Tesla and the pipe line across to San Joaquin valley. Sentiment in San Francisco is practically unanimous for the completion of the Hetch Hetchy water system. During the next five years the water problem for the bay section will be solved.

CENTERVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Mickle of Los Angeles were Thanksgiving guests at the Mickle home.

Mrs. L. Stead went to Sacramento to spend her holiday with relatives.

Mrs. B. Hawley entertained relatives on Thanksgiving. Mr. and Mrs. Erickson of Oakland were among those present.

Mrs. V. Ames also enjoyed the holiday dinner with her children, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Kelley of Berkeley and Mr Clarence Ames were among her guests.

Mrs. B. Mickle had the misfortune to fall breaking her left arm on Thursday. She is spending the week in a San Jose hospital.

Mrs. O. Stevenson Hayes was the guest of Mrs. C. Emerson on Friday.

Mrs. J. Mowry spent the Thanksgiving holiday with her brother's family near Fresno.

Mrs. H. Gregory spent Thanksgiving in San Jose with her daughter's family. She is in Berkeley this week as the guest of the Grahams.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Overacker of St. Helena, with Mrs. Bunting went to the Justus Overacker ranch for Thanksgiving.

Mrs. H. Salz entertained at a luncheon today.

A shower and party to be given in honor of Mrs. Wm. Robinson, nee Mueller, by Mrs. W. Rogers will take place December 10.

The "Sweet 16" enjoyed their usual gave of "500" at Mrs. F. O. Bunting's Friday. There were four invited guests; at the close Mrs. C. Emerson won the 1st prize; Mrs. M. Fitzgerald, slams; Miss B. Dusterberry, consolation. The guest prize was won by Mrs. H. Mosher. The next meeting will be with Mrs. M. Mathiesen on December 8th.

WASHINGTON UNION NOTES

Preliminaries for the girls tennis tournament are being started this week.

The Boys' and Girls' Glee clubs are practicing for the operetta which will be given some time during the spring.

Mr. A. B. Zu Tavern, a representative of the South-Western Publishing Co. gave a very fine talk to Mr. Solvason's General book-keeping class Wednesday morning. Mr. ZuTavern's talk was of special interest to this class as he is the author of the Junior Business practice set which the class will work out during the second semester.

The Domestic Science department girls have an attractive display of woolen flowers and felt purses on exhibit in the office show case these days. The flowers are neatly and artistically made and the purses, varying in size, shape and colors are practical.

A new 24 inch drill press has been added to the shop equipment.

School will close of the Christmas vacation December 16th. The Girls League is planning a program which will be followed by refreshments and dancing, the closing day.

Mr. H. J. Griffith has been ill and unable to carry on his work for the past week. He is with his parents at his home at Chico.

Clarence Anderson of Newark had his tonsils removed Wednesday.

IRVINGTON

The Boy Scouts, under the direction of coach B. K. Van Cleave are organizing a basketball team.

A letter from Prof. Lindsley has been received inviting the Scouts to see the Chabot observatory, and recommending December 5 to 9 as being the best time to come to view the moon through the big telescope. Several of the other troops of the township are expected to join the excursion which will probably be taken Thursday evening next week.

The repairing of the pavement between Centeville and Irvington which has been underway for several weeks is now finished.

Mis Lucile Breiner of Decoto will speak to the ladies o fthe Community church Friday afternoon December 2, Miss Breiner lived in Bazil for several years and will draw upon her experiences there for this talk.

The Ivington Hotel was theobject of a liquor raid by officers from the District Attorney's office Tuesday. Sufficient evidence was obtained to warrant the arrest of the proprietor, M. Silva Raymond, Who pleaded guilty to possession of liquo, when arraigned before Judge Allan Norris, and was fined $300.00

Monday December 5 is the time set for the next luncheon and meeting of the business men.

Mrs. Will Cushing and her mother, Mrs. Jackson entertained the Ladies Guild of the St. James church of Centerville, at their home Wednesday afternoon.

KRAFT CHEESE WINS

The Kraft Cheese won Sunday,s game with the Valva Hardware team, 7-1.

This makes 12 straight wins for the Kraft cheese. The Kraft boys got 8 hits. Dutra a two bagger and a three bagger. Dutra came home on the three bagger on an overthrow to third.

Sullivan's peg to second worked to perfection. He also got a three bagger.

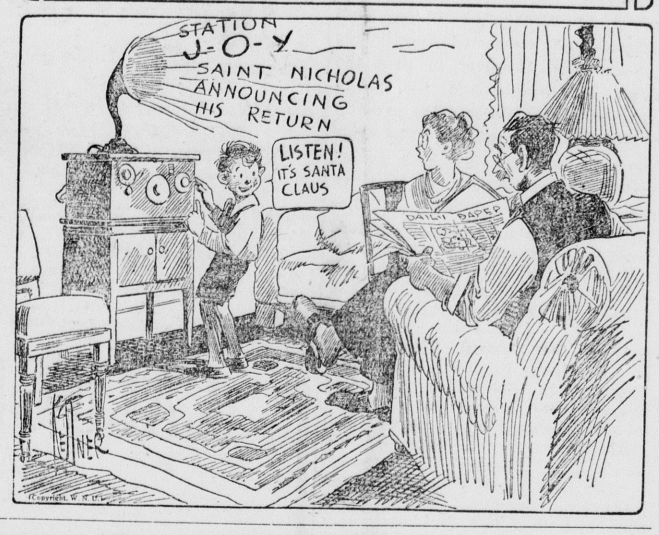
The Valva Hardware players were asleep until about the seventh inning. They played good ball from the seventh on.

Louie Brazil's pitching was too good for the Valvo players, three hits were the best they could do. Brazil's strike-outs were too numerous to mention.

Next Sunday we play Western Electric. Don't miss this game as it has all the ear-marks of being a good hard game.

The Kraft Cheese beat the Western Electric quite badly the last time they played so this game is giving the Western Electric a chance for revenge.

Back on the Air



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Dec. 2.—Family night, Niles Congregational Church.
Dec. 3.—Decoto Chamber of Commerce Dance at School Auditorium.
Dec. 6, Country Club meeting, Club House.
Dec. 8.—East Bay Girls, at home of Mrs. Frank Zwissig, 2 P. M.
Dec. 9, Band benefit Turkey Whist, I. O. O. F. Hall, Niles.
Dec. 13.—P. T. A. Niles Grammar School.
Dec. 13.—Country Club Play.
Dec. 14.—Whist Party by neighbors of Woodcraft, I. O. O. F. Hall, Niles
Dec. 15.—Men's Club Christmas Jinks. 6:30 Country Club House.
Dec. 23.—Christmas Pageant. Community Church. Decoto;

SUPPER MENU PLANNED

Plans for the family night dinner to be held at the church Friday evening were discussed at the meeting of the Niles Congregational Ladies Guild Wednesday afternoon. An excellent dinner has been planned. Mrs. H. C. Roland and Mrs. Plumb are the ladies in charge of will be:

Meat pie — Salad
Hot rolls — Coffee
Pumpkin Pie

At the close of theGuildmeeting the hostess, Mrs. J. E. Williamson, served delicious fruit punch and wafers.

Mrs. Ivy Cull and Mrs. Kennard will be hostesses at the next Guild meeting.

The Harry Tyson family were Thanksgiving Day guests at the Robert Tyson home. The Harry Tysons plan to leave this week for Los Angeles where they will remain for some weeks. The Robert Tysons and Mrs. Tyson will spend Christmas with them at Los Angeles.

Mrs. H. C. Roland entertained her Sunday School class Saturday afternoon in honor of Miss Mildren Law who was celebrating her tenth birthday and who acted as hostess.

Those present to enjoy the happy occasion were: the Misses Mildred and Doris Law, Geraldine Brant, Lillian Fingado, Adabelle Fong, Anna Millicent Shinn, Celia, Paul and Barbara Kibby. Prizes were won by Adabelle Fong, Doris Law, Anna Millicent Shinn and Geraldine Brant. Thanksgiving novelties were used in the decorations. In addition to the good times this class has been having at their birthday parties given by Mrs. Roland, they have been the banner class of the Niles Congregational Sunday School, having had a perfect attendance record over fifty per cent of the time for several months.

COUNTRY CLUB WILL HAVE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

At the regular meeting of the Country Club next Tuesday afternoon, December sixth, the Christmas Play which members of the dramatic section have been working on, will be presented by the following cast: Mesdames Frank Dusterberry, A. B. Haley, F. R. Robie, Dubois Eaton, S. F. Brown, R. L. Pond, J. E. Townsend and H. F. Chadbourne.

A group of high school girls will sing Christmas Carols as an accompaniment to the play. Ellen Dusterberry, Louise Moulter, Jewel Anderson, Elizabeth Shinn, Gertrude Ellsworth, Lois Abbrott and Dorothy Smith make up the group.

Mrs. Herbert Allen of Oakland, a very fine soloist will give a musical program. Mrs. Allen is a sister of Mr. Harry Salz of Centerville.

Victory Circle No. 106, U. A. O. D., held its regular meeting on Monday evening at Anderson's Hall. Two new candidates were initiated, and officers for the ensuing term were also installed. After the meeting refreshments were served by the committee. Final arrangemens were also made for the Big Social Dance to be held Saturday evening, at Centerville. Chairman of committees, Adeline Sanos, is working hard for the success of this affair, and is being ably assisted by Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Bernado, Elsie Madduga, A. E. Francis, Al Pashote and Pete Nunes.

LOCAL MAN WILL SHOW PIGEONS AT OAKLAND

Manuel Duarte has selected some of the finest birds from his flock of 700 pigeons and entered in the chicken and pigeon show which is being held at the Oakland Auditorium, Nov 30 to Dec. 4th. Mr. Duarte has entered pigeons in the White King, Silver King, Red Carnaux and Maltese classes.

NOTICE

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP POST NO. 195

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hereby wishes to extend and convey its thanks and appreciation to all Washington Township Business establishments and others for their loyal support and cooperation with this Post in the proper observance of Armistice Day, Nov. 11th. 1927.

R. K. Wilson, Commander
Frank X. Viet, Adjutant

NILES CONG. CHURCH

TEACHER'S MEETING

Next Saturday afternoon at 4:00 p m. the teachers of the Niles Church School will meet to decide on the kind of Christmas program and the time of the same for the year 1927. The meeting will be held in the church parlors.

CHURCH FAMILY NIGHT DEC. 2

At the coming Church Family Night, an attractive musical program, both instrumental and vocal, will be preesnted by Marie Mallory Hyde and Dr. Everett J. Hinckley of Oakland.

Mrs. Hyde, a pupil of the late Paul Steindorf, and formerly accompanist for the Wednesday Morning Choral Society, will play two groups of piano pieces, including perhaps some of her own compositions.

Dr. Hinckley, who has been a member of the choir in St. Paul's (Episcopal' Church in Oakland, will be heard in three groups of songs. He has promised some Christmas music for his final number, of which "Cantique de Noel" will be one.

The Christmas carols following will give to all a chance to share in the Christmas spirit and its joyful expression.

Mr. William Wirt, who was to have come from Berkeley to lead the community singing has found it necessary to cancel his engagement. Mrs. Charlotte Foster has very kindly offered her assistance and will be asked to take charge of this portion of the evening's program. Everyone likes good music, nearly everyone likes to sing, so there should be a large attendance at the Family Night this Friday.

BEGINNERS AND CRADLE ROLL PARTY

The party for little tots, sponsored by their teacher, Mrs. Gladys Williamson and the Cradle Roll Supt. Mrs. Seebart, was a charming affair. The church parlor and primary room were thrown together into one large room, cheerfully heated by a glowing fire and tastefully decorated with autumnal flowers. Twenty seven little tots and ten mothers were present. The children enjoyed several games which they played with some of the older girls assisting, then the mothers enjoyed a program of songs by the children and a group of appropriate readings by Mrs. Seebart. The children were then given little caps to wear and marched around the room while the candles were being lighted on the table set for the little folks. The children were delighted with the scene as the screen was removed and revealed a table decorated with place cards, candles and nut baskets. Ice cream and ginger man cookies and other delicacies made all hearts merry. The minister spoke briefly on the significance of the event and all departed happy and enthused.

HIGH AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

The Church School of the Congregational Church has been chacterized this fall by a high average of attendance with most of the pupils coming faithfully Sunday after Sunday. This makes for very efficient work as there is a continuity which is essential for the successful teaching of graded lessons. Vsitors and occassional attendants are always welcome but they receive relatively little from their attendance compared to those who come faithfully each Sunday. Parents can increase the value of the Church School's training very greatly by insisting that their children be regular and on time.

HANDSOME FORD GARAGE NEARING COMPLETION

Dohner and Galbriath's new Ford garage at Centerville is nearing completion. The new stucture is fireproof and is of hollow tile and brick construction. The interior decoration is now under way and stockroom equipment is being installed.

RADIO SHOP OPENS AND ELLIS MOVES

A new radio and electrical service shop is opening in the I. O. O. F. hall at Niles. It is a branch of the Tourist Garage at Centerville and will carry a full line of radio sets and accessories as well as electrical and automobile supplies P. A. Ellis whose furniture store has been located in the rooms now rented by the new shop has moved into the rooms back of his former location.

OPTIMISM MAKES BUSINESS BETTER

Mr. Henry Audifred of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce was the guest of honor and speaker at the "Turkey Day" meeting of the Niles Chamber of Commerce Tuesday. Speaking of business conditions and of the future of the East Bay District, he emphasized the need for "talking up" rather than pessimistically berating business conditions when they are not of the very best. According to Mr. Audifred, the psychological effect of bemoaning poor business is to make it go from bad to worse. Concerning the future of the East Bay District, and of this locality in particular, he indicated that in his estimation the possibilities are enormous, but that development depends upon the people of the community. In illustrating his points he drew freely from a speech given by Harry Culver of Culver City, before the state convention of Realtors, of which Mr. Culver was president. Citing the example of the territory represented by Mr. Culver, he attributed a large part of its growth to the boosting and optimistic spirit of its citizens.

Another member of the Oakland C. of C., Mr. Lenninger, accompanied Mr. Audifred and was called upon for a few remarks. Messrs. Donovan and Vieux were credited with getting out a good attendance and providing an excellent Turkey dinner. The Chamber also went on record as opposing any increase in telephone rates and expressed a willingness to cooperate with the Oakland and San Francisco organizations which are fighting the proposed increase. A proposal to open Front street extending westward through the J. C. Shinn and California Nursery properties, was brought up. It was annonuced that Mr. Shinn stood ready to donate sufficient land for a roadway through his land providing the road could be put through satsfactorily.

GAS MAINS EXTENDED TO WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

Considerable interest has been aroused in the gas franchise question recently, with prospects good for Washington Township being given gas service. The P. G. and E. Company was granted a franchise Nov. 21st following the granting of a franchise to San Francisco parties some time ago. The power to decide which company shall be allowed to operate here rests with the State Railway Commission and a hearing will be held early in December. The P. G. and E. gas mains have already been extended from Hayward to the Washington Township line.

NILES GRAMMAR SCHOOL

The children of the Niles Grammar school were served a special lunch Wednesday noon, November 23, in honor of Thanksgiving Day. The P. T. A. added ice cream and pudding as a treat for the children and one hundred and thirty-one were served. Mrs. McCarthy who conducts the noon lunch regularly was the cook and some of the teachers assisted in serving.

The hot lunch served at the Niles school is regularly patronized by about eighty children.

Dec. 16th is the date announced for the closing of school for the holiday vacation.

SEWER CONNECTIONS COMPLETED HERE

Every residence and place of business in Niles has now been conected with the sanitary sewer, according to H. B. Rathbun. The one exception is the Essanay property which is under litigation and cannot be included.

TRY HADAD'S FIRST

"Try Hadad's First—It Pays," is a slogan tried out by Mike Hadad in his sale which started Monday and continues the rest of the month. The reduction of an extra large stock is the object of the sale and many good values are offered.

KRAFT CHEESE FACTORY HAS TEN DAY VACATION

Monday morning the International Wood Products Co. resumed work after a ten day shut-down. With a full crew at work the factory is again turning out Kraft Cheese boxes at a good rate.

Mrs. Roger Hatch will take orders for hand made gifts of all kinds. Many samples of her work are on display at her Fireside Studio.—1t.

Mrs. Frank Titus was a Thanksgiving dinner guest at the Alex Booras home in Niles.

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LOCAL FRIENDS LEARN OF MUELLER-ROBERTSON NUPTIALS

News of the marriage of Miss Frances Ann Mueller of Newark to Mr. William Robertson, formerly of this community but now of Los Angeles, has been gradually reaching their friends in this vicinity. The young people had been childhood sweethearts and while Miss Mueller was visiting in Los Angeles last summer they were quietly married but decided to keep the affair a secret until the bride, who is a senior at Washington Union High school, had completed her year's school work. However in time the news got around and the young folks have now received the parental blessing and best wishes. The bride plans to continue her high school work here until January 1, '28, when she will join Mr. Robertson at Los Angeles and take the last semester's work in High school at that place. Mr. Robertson is employed in the office of Holbrook, Merrill and Stetson at Los Angeles.

After the Annual Tkanksgiving Dance given by the Washington Union High School, a group of young people were entertained at a midnight supper by Miss Ellen Dusterberry at the home of her aunt, Miss Elizabeth Dusterberry.

After the most delicious supper was served the guests danced for a time and then left for home.

Those present were the Misses Margaret Moore, Carolyn Overacker, Robin Trask, Jewell Anderson, Florence Aust and the Messrs. Donald Driscoll, Bernal Van Cleve, John Hunter, Velois Fournier, Louis Ruschin and Frederic Loudenslager.

The Silva Mateurnity home reports the following births this week:

Mrs. Tony Mezza of Pleasanton, a daughter, November 29.

Mrs. Manuel Silva who lives between Alavarado and Decoto, a daughter, November 29.

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Mr. and Mrs. Mosher, Mr. and Mrs. H. R Hunt of Niles and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hunt, Jr., and three children were Thanksgiving Day guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mosher of Piedmont.

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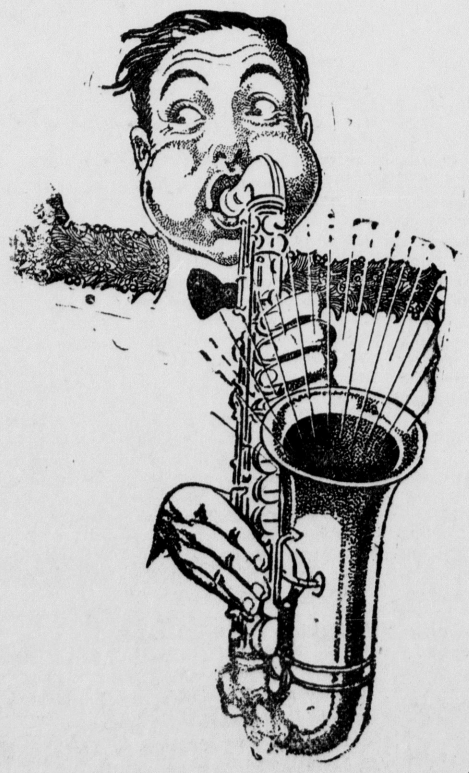

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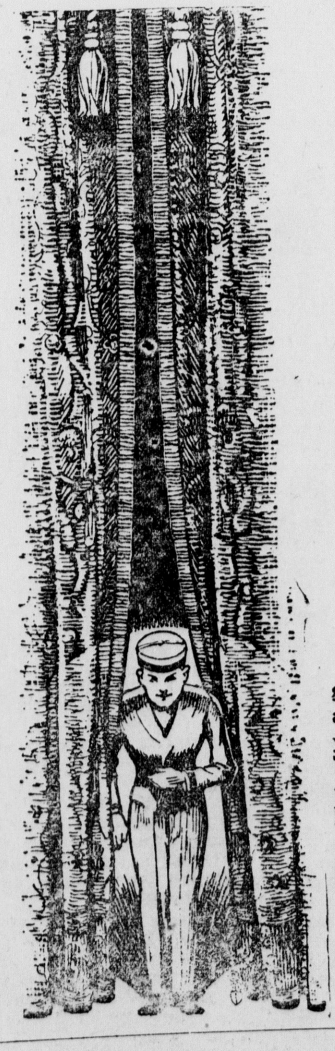

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Mrs. J. C. Walton spent Friday in San Francisco.

Mrs. Frank Rose Sr. was hostess on Thanksgiving day, to a party of fourteen relatives and friends.

Mrs. A. B. Rathbun and daughter, Miss Adeline, visited relatives at Marysville from last Wednesday until Sunday.

Little Margaret Shores who was severely burned a few weeks ago is now beginning to improve altho her wounds have just started to heal and she will still be at the hospital for some weeks.

Mrs. Annie Murphy and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Murphy and little daughter of Niles, spent Thanksgiving at the E. J. Cavanaugh home in Oakland.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fournier and two sons of Niles, Mr and Mrs. Babcock of Oakland and Mrs. Malfino of San Francisco spent Thanksgiving Day at the M. L. Fournier home.

ECONOMY STORE STAGES SALE

In an effort to encourage pre-holiday buying, the economy Cloak and Suit Shop of Hayward is staging a general all-around reduction sale. The object is to percuade folks to buy near home. Ladies apparel, and similar articles suitable for Christmas gifts are featured.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Donovan entertained at a family dinner Thanksgiving Day. Mrs Donovan's mother, Mrs J. A. Belloli of San Jose and Mr. and Mrs. Emile Belloli of Stockton were included in the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Hepler and family of Hotel Belvoir are enjoying a visit with Mrs. Hepler's brother, Mr. McGee of Los Angeles who arrived here Saturday. This was the first time for twenty years that Mrs. Hepler and her brother had seen each other.

MACHINE SHOP BEING BUILT

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C. H. Kraft of San Francisco president of the Kraft Cheese corporation accompanied H. E. Leach to Niles the first of the week to visit the box factory. Mr. Leach returned last week from British Columbia where he recently installed a sawmill at Westminister to provide raw material for the factory here.

Miss Zomera Dominici own the silk quilt which was one of many articles on display at the Corpus Christi bazaar.

DECOTO

The Decoto Library has just received a fine shipment of assorted books from Oakland. There are books for all ages and types of people. 43 new books are now on hand. The following is the list of these fine books:

Isabel Carleton's Friends, by Ashman.
Swiss Family Robinson, by Wyss.
Aeroplane Peaks, by Barber.
Carry on, Jeeves, by Wodehouse.
Skin Horse, by Bianco.
Professor, How Could You? by Wilson.
Flying Squad, by Bishop.
Where,s Emily, by Wells.
Lonesome Land, by Bower and Trail of the White Mule.
Mother's Day in Poetry.
Fandango, by Vestal.
Pinocchio, by Collodi.
Danger Trail, Flaming Forest, Hunted Woman, by Curwood.
Letters of Wm. Roscoe Thayer, by Thayer.
Little Book of Days, by Field.
Back Fire, by Simpson.
How to Read Character, by Frith.
Joyous Trouble Maker, Man to Man, Short Cut, Six Feet Four, by Gregory.
Forlorn River, by Grey.
Beyond the Dog's Nose, by Sherman.
Shadow on the Dial, by Seaman.
Little Black and White Lamb, by Hogan.
Girl at the Halfway House, by Hough.
Birds in Rhyme, by King.
Boy Showman and Entertainer by Rose.
Kingdom of Theophilus by Locke.
Evolution of Civilization, by McCabe.
Inn of the Hawk and Raven by McCutcheon.
Nursery Friends from France, by Miller.
Clever Bill, by Nicholson.
Barberry Bush, by Norris.
Deric with the Indians by Nusbaum.
Trail's End, by Ogden.
Hollow Tree, by Paine.
Paolo and Francesca, by Phillips.
Cleared from Strange Ports.

A series of stereoptican slides showing the customs and modes of living of the natives of the Philippine Islands were presented in the Community Church by Reverend J. R. Stevenson, of Irvington, Sunday night as a special feature of the weekly meeting of the Christian society of the church.

The missionary service will be held this Sunday. The proceeds will be sent to an evangelist in Brazil.

Mrs. Mello returned Tuesday from the Merritt Hospital She is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Bendell attended a family reunion in Alameda on Thanksgiving.

Mr. Henry May, Mr. Whipple and Mr. Louis Zwissigg were appointed by the Chamber of Commerce to attend the meeting which will discuss the water rights of the township.

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APPLE SAUCE CAKE

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1 1-2 cups Apple sauce.
1 cup Suagr
1-2 cup butter or lard
2 cups flour
1 Cup raisins
1 Cup chopped walnuts.
2 Scant teaspoons of soda.
1-2 Teaspoon nutmeg and allspice
1 Teaspoon cinnamon.
1 Teaspoon vanilla

Cream butter and sugar, add the sifted dry ingredients and apple sauce then nuts and raisins. Bake as a loaf cake in a medium sized pan about forty-five minutes.

Mr. and Mrs. MacPherson were in San Jose and Oakland Wednesday, buying for the holidays.

Mrs. J. Oliver was called to San Francisco Wednesday eveniug by word that her brother, Joe Brown who has been gravely ill for some weeks, had been unconscious since morning.

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Monday---December 5th, the first day of a tremendous store wide sale!

Bigger than Big Week

A few of the highlights are listed here in tabloid form! Hundreds more rank equally in importance, and toys are a sale within a sale!

FIRST IN OAKLAND to celebrate Christmastide with a store-wide sale, Schlesinger's welcomes you Monday. Our first Big Week sale instituted two years back, in 1925, is small as compared to the Bigger than Big Week sales of 1926 & 1927. The store, grown to larger proportions and greater service, presents a sale of metropolitan scope —a store and a sale of which Oakland can be proud.

A mail shopping service devotes special attention to out-of-town needs.

A carefully trained shopper will follow your Christmas wishes with as much interest as if they were her own. Unquestionably, her knowledge of our stocks —especially those of this gigantic Bigger than Big Week sale — simplifies your buying to an amazing degree. In many instances, she can purchase more wisely than you, yourself, and in all her painstaking attention is yours to command!

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Guaranteed wrist watches
Two smart styles in feminine gift watches, with white gold filled case and 6-jewel movement! Round or octagonal shapes. **$5.75**
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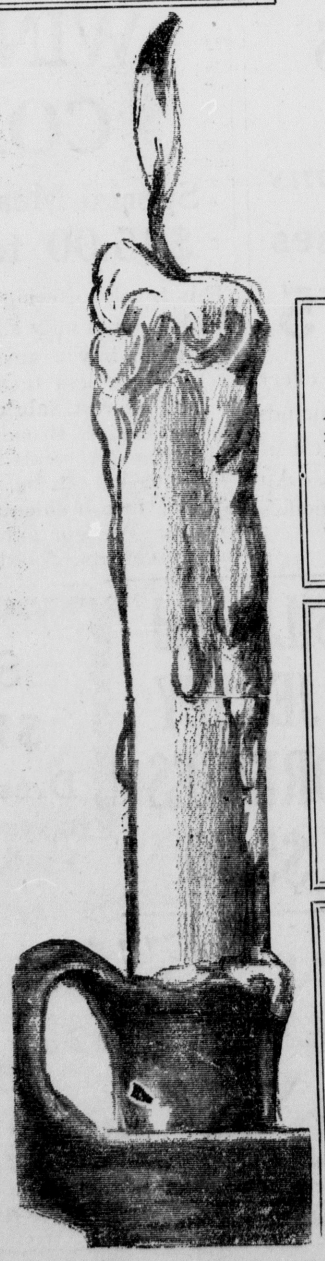

Sale of advance spring dresses
Enchanting new crepes, prints & Georgettes, in the spring manner, are a scoop at $17. Ombres, 3-tones, metallic trims, rank among the new triumphs! **$17.00**
Schlesinger's, Popular Price Shop, Second Floor

200 silver-faced leatherette coats
Stunning sport coats that look like real leather, come with silver facing, notch collar & huge pockets. They are rain-proof! **$6.95**
Schlesinger's, Sport Shop, Second Floor

75 girls' sweaters and slipons
Specially purchased sweaters with student necks, new fancy diagonals, checks, stripes and multicolors! Just the right gift for the young girl's Christmas! **$1.85**
Schlesinger's, Girls' Shop, Second Floor

750 silk slips, chemise and dancing sets
Heavy crepe de Chine slips, chemise and dancing sets of bandeau and French panties or step-ins, tailored or lacy, are Bigger than Big Week marvels at $3.95. All colors. **$3.95**
Schlesinger's, Lingerie, Second Floor

24-inch jointed sleeping doll
Adorable doll, 2 feet long, comes with real lashes and long curls. Already dressed to the extent of shoes and stockings. Extra special! **$1.95**
Schlesinger's, Toys, Third Floor

50 Almco junior and bridge lamps
Beautiful gold type stands, have the Almco onyx as special decoration, matching shades in Georgette, parchment or skin. Underpriced! **$18.50**
Schlesinger's, Art Crafts, Third Floor

1200 smart knit neckties
Men's new knitted ties, the last word in smartness, arrive for Christmas in patterns and colors that beggar description! **$1.00**
Schlesinger's, Store for Men, First Floor

Lamb's wool comforters
A Bigger than Big Week price for comforters, lamb's wool filled, covered with flowered sateen on the top and plain sateen at the back! 72x 84-inch. **$6.95**
Schlesinger's, Bedding, Fourth Floor

300 boy's wool Jersey suits
A special purchase of newest style button-on or middy suits in sizes 2½ to 8. Ordinarily you would pay much more than $4.35 for these suits. **$4.35**
Schlesinger's, Boys' Shop, First Floor

1800 yards 50-inch drapery Damask
Plain and striped effects in a gorgeous new Damask for living-room or library! The rose, blue and gold tones harmonize with almost any furnishings. Rayon and taffeta grounds. **$1.50**
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Schlesinger's, Furniture, Fourth Floor

9500 yards fine wash crepes, taffetas, Georgettes
Heavy 40-in. washable flat crepe, sturdy Georgettes and plain and changeable taffetas, have been grouped at these Christmas prices. All the fashionable colors are here for Bigger than Big Week. **$1.65**
Schlesinger's, Silks, First Floor

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Decorative imported laces for buffet, dining table and boudoir, including rounds, ovals or oblongs from 6-inch to 18-inch sizes. These were brought from sunny Sardinia at a bargain! **12½c TO $1.15**
Schlesinger's, Linens, First Floor

Hart, Schaffner & Marx suits for men
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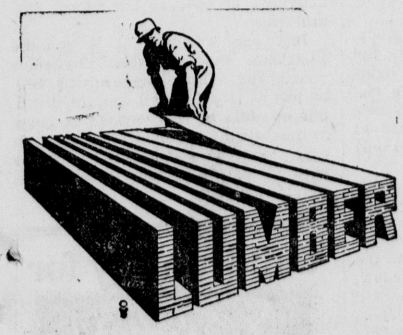

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEES' SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST

WHEREAS, JOSEPH PASTORINO, single, did make, execute and deliver his certain deed of trust dated March 9th, 1925, to CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK OF OAKLAND, a National Banking Association, as Grantee for the benefit and security of JACK STADLER, the beneficiary under said deed of trust, which deed of trust was duly recorded in the office of the County Recorder of the County of Alameda, State of California on the 13th day of March, 1925 in Volume 926 of Official Records on page 351, and which said deed of trust was given to secure the payment of a certain promissory note of said Grantor in the principal sum of Eleven Hundred Forty ($1140.00) Dollars made, executed and delivered by said Grantor to said beneficiary, and by which said deed of trust the real property therein described was conveyed to said Grantee for the purpose therein specified; and

WHEREAS, said beneficiary, Jack Stadler, is now and at all times mentioned in said Deed of Trust, the owner and holder of said note and said Deed of Trust and of the indebtedness due thereunder; and

WHEREAS, said Grantor has made default in the payment of said promissory note and in the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust, and has defaulted under the terms of said Deed of Trust; and

WHEREAS, JACK STADLER, said beneficiary, did heretofore and pursuant to the statutes in such cases made and provided, and after and while said Grantor was in default as aforesaid, and on the 23rd day of August, 1927 record in volume 1618 of Official Records at page 436 in the office of the County Recorder of Alameda County, California, its notice of said default and breach by said Grantor under said terms of said deed of trust and notice of his election to sell or cause to be sold the real property hereinafter and in said Deed of Trust described reference to which said notice is hereby made; and

WHEREAS, more than three months have elapsed since the recordation of said notice of breach of the terms of said Deed of Trust and of said notice of election to sell said real property; and

WHEREAS, the said JACK STADLER, did heretofore demand of the undersigned as such Grantee to forthwith proceed to sell said real property in the manner provided by law and pursuant to the terms of said Deed of Trust;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to said demand ,and in accordance with the terms and under the authority of said Deed of Trust, the undersigned, CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK OF OAKLAND, a National Banking Association, as such Grantee hereby gives notice that on the 24th day of December, 1927 at the hour of 10 A. M. of said day at the front steps of the Alameda County Court House, situated in the city of Oakland, said County and State, said Grantee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, lawful money of the United States of America, the hereinafter described real property, to-wit:

All that certain lot, piece, parcel or tract of land situated, lying and being in the Township of Washington, County of Alameda, State of Califonia, bounded and particularly described as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at a point on the Northerly line of the County Road from Centerville to Jarvis Landing, otherwise known as Mayhew's Landing, distant therein South 52 degrees west 2.93 chains from the point where the line dividing Surveys 129 and 130 of the Ex-Mission of San Jose intersects said line of said Road; and running thence North 43 degrees west 11.67 chains to a stake; thence south 47 degrees west 8.97 chains to a stake in the center of a private road 30 feet wide; thence along the center of said Private Road south 43 degrees east 10.88 chains to a stake on the said northerly line of said County Road from Centerville to Jarvis Landing; and thence along said last named line, north 52 degrees east 9.01 chains, to the place of beginning.

CONTAINING about 10.118 acres, and being a portion of a tract of land designated as Survey 129, otherwise as Lot 49 on the official connected Plat of Ex-Mission of San Jose, as certified 28th day of October, 1865 by the U. S. Surveyor California, said portion being designated as Tract "B" on a certain Map entitled, "MAP IN PARTITION OF THE LANDS OF THE ESTATE OF EBENEZER HALEY, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF EX-MISSION SURVEY NO. 129, WASHINGTON TP., ALAMEDA CO., CALIFORNIA, SEPT. 18, 1899, filed November 27th. 1899 in the office of the County Recorder of said Alameda County.

TOGETHER with a Right of Way, free of obstruction, to and from the County Road above mentioned, for any and all lawful purposes over a strip of land 15 feet wide extending along and without the westerly boundary line of said above described tract "B" said above referred to Right of Way being along and within the Eastern boundary line of that portion of Tract "G" of said Map in Partition of the lands of the Estate of Ebenezer Haley, deceased, as lies opposite said Tract "B" and subject to a similar Right of Way in favor of Tract "C", "D", "E", "F" and "G" as per said Map in Partition of the lands of the Estate of Ebenezer Haley, deceased in favor of all present and future owners of said tracts and subdivisions thereof over and confined to a strip of land 15 feet wide, extending along and within the extreme westerly boundary of

TERMS OF SALE: Cash in lawful money of the United States on fall of hammer ,and costs of sale at purchaser's expense and title at purchaser's risk and sale subject to unpaid taxes and assessments if any.

JACK STADLER the owner and holder of said promissory note and of the said indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, or any other person, may purchase at said sale.

Dated this 29th. day of November 1927.

CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK OF OAKLAND, a National Banking Association.
By J. G. Hassler, Cashier
and by Daniel Read, Trust Officer.

J. J. ROSE, Jr.,
Attorney for Grantee.

ALVARADO

Mrs. Emma Ford of Oakland entertained the Birthday Club of Alvarado at luncheon today.

Mrs. Dora Painton of Oakland spent several days with Mrs. John Ralph this week.

Messrs. Chas. and Oscar Nauert and Miss Mildred Nauert spent Thanksgiving at the home of the latter,s sister, Mrs. Dot Boyd of San Francisco.

The marriage of Miss Ruth Gallagher, teacher in the Alvarado schools, to Mr. Merton Ross of San Francisco took place Thanksgiving Day. Mr. and Mrs. Ross have an apartment in the city but Mrs. Ross will continue her work in the Alvarado schools until the end of her term.

Mr. John Ralph who has been ill in an Oakland hospital is reported to be improving and will probably be able to return to his home soon.

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CHAPTER VII—Continued

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"I've had some trouble with my car, down the road," he said finally. He glanced at Dale again. "I came to ask if I might telephone."

"Did it require a searchlight to find the house?" Miss Cornelia asked suspiciously.

"Look here," the young man blustered, "why are you asking me all these questions?" He tapped his cigarette case with an irritated air.

"What's your name?" Anderson said sternly.

"Beresford—Reginald Beresford," said the young man sulkily. "If you doubt it—I've probably got a card somewhere—" He began to run through his pockets.

"What's your business?" went on the detective.

"What's my business here?" queried the young man, obviously fencing with his interrogator.

"No—how do you earn your living?" said Anderson sharply.

"I don't," said the young man flippantly. "I may have to begin now, if that is of any interest to you. As a matter of fact, I've studied law, but—"

The one word was enough to start Lizzie off on another trail of distrust. "He may be a lawyer—" she quoted to herself sepulchrally, from the evening newspaper article that had dealt with the mysterious identity of the Bat.

"And you came here to telephone about your car?" persisted the detective.

Dale rose from her chair, with a hopeless little sigh.

"Oh, don't you see—he's trying to protect me," she said wearily. She turned to the young man. "It's no use, Mr. Beresford."

Beresford's air of flippancy vanished.

"I see," he said. He turned to the others, frankly. "Well, the plain truth is—I didn't know the situation—and I thought I'd play safe for Miss Ogden's sake."

Miss Cornelia moved over to her niece, protectingly. She put a hand on Dale's shoulder, to reassure her, and turned to Anderson calmly.

"He doesn't know anything about—this," she said, indicating Beresford. "He brought Mr. Fleming here in his car—that's all."

Anderson looked at Beresford for confirmation.

"Is that true?"

"Yes," said Beresford. He started to explain. "I got tired of waiting and so I—"

The detective broke in curtly.

"All right."

He took a step toward the alcove.

"Now, doctor." He nodded at the huddle beneath the raincoat. Beresford followed his glance—and saw the ominous heap for the first time.

"What's that?" he said tersely. No one answered him. The doctor was already on his knees beside the body, drawing the raincoat gently aside. Beresford stared at the shape thus revealed with frightened eyes. The color left his face.

"That's not—Dick Fleming—is it?" he said thickly.

Anderson slowly nodded his head. Beresford seemed unable to believe his eyes.

"If you've looked over the ground," said the doctor in a low voice to Anderson, "I'll move the body where we can have a better light." His right hand fluttered swiftly over Fleming's still, clenched fist—extracted from it a torn corner of paper. . . .

Still Beresford did not seem to be able to take in what had happened. He took another step toward the body.

"Do you mean to say that Dick Fleming—" he began. Anderson silenced him with an uplifted hand.

"What have you got there, Doctor?" he said in a still voice.

The doctor, still on his knees beside the corpse, lifted his head.

"What do you mean?"

"You took something, just then, out of Fleming's haid," said the detective.

"I took nothing out of his hand," said the doctor firmly.

Anderson's manner grew peremptory.

"I warn you not to obstruct the course of justice!" he said, forcibly. "Give it here!"

The doctor rose, slowly, dusting off his knees. His eyes tried to meet Anderson's and failed. He produced a torn corner of blue-print.

"Why, it's only a scrap of paper—nothing at all," he said, evasively.

Anderson looked at him meaningly.

"Scraps of paper are sometimes very important," he said, with a side glance at Dale.

The doctor motioned nervously.

"As the coroner—if Mr. Anderson is satisfied—I suggest that the body be taken where I can make a thorough examination," he said haltingly.

Once more Anderson bent over the shell that had been Richard Fleming. He turned the body half over—let it sink back on its face. For a moment he glanced at the corner of the blue-print in his hand—then at the doctor. Then he stood aside.

"All right," he said laconically.

So Richard Fleming left the room where he had been struck down so suddenly and strangely—borne out by Beresford, the doctor and Jack Bailey. The little procession moved as swiftly and softly as circumstances would permit—Anderson followed its passage with watchful eyes. For perhaps a dozen ticks of time, Dale was left unwatched—and she made the most of her opportunity.

Her fingers fumbled at the bosom of her dress—she took out the precious, dangerous fragment of blue-print that Anderson must not find in her possession—but where to hide it, before her chance had passed? Her eyes fell on the bread roll from the detective's supper-tray, that had fallen to the floor when Lizzie had seen her gleaming eye on the stairs and had lain there unnoticed ever since. She bent over swiftly and secreted the tantilizing scrap of blue paper in the body of the roll, smoothing the crust back above it with trembling fingers. Then she replaced the roll where it had fallen originally, and straightened up just as Billy and the detective both returned.

Billy went immediately to the tray, picked it up, and started to go out again. Then he noticed the roll on the floor, stooped for it and replaced it upon the tray. He looked at Miss Cornelia for instructions.

"Take that tray out to the dining room," she said mechanically. But Anderson's attention had already been drawn to the tiny incident.

"Wait—I'll look at that tray," he said briskly. Dale, her heart in her mouth, watched him examine the knives, the plates, even shake out the napkin to see that nothing was hidden in its folds. At last he seemed satisfied.

"All right—take it away," he commanded. Billy nodded, and vanished toward the dining room with tray and roll. Dale breathed again.

The sight of the tray had made Miss Cornelia's thoughts return to practical affairs.

"Lizzie," she commanded now, "go out in the kitchen and make some coffee. I'm sure we all need it," she sighed.

Lizzie bristled at once.

"Go out in that kitchen alone?"

"Billy's there," said Miss Cornelia wearily.

The thought of Billy seemed to bring little solace to Lizzie's heart.

"That Jap and his Jewy-jitsu," she muttered viciously. "One twist and I'd be folded up like a pretzel!"

But Miss Cornelia's manner was imperative—and Lizzie slowly dragged herself kitchenward, yawning and promising the saints repentance of every sin she had or had not committed if she were allowed to get there without something grabbing at her ankles in the dark corner of the hall.

When the door had shut behind her, Anderson turned to Dale, the corner of blue-print which he had taken from the doctor in his hand.

"Now, Miss Odgen," he said tensely, "I have here a scrap of blue-print which was in Dick Fleming's hand when he was killed. I'll trouble you for the rest of it, if you please!"

"The rest of it?" queried Dale, with a show of bewilderment, silently thanking her stars that, for the moment, at least, the incriminating fragment had passed out of her possession.

Her reply seemed only to infuriate the detective.

"Don't tell me Fleming started to go out of this house with a blank scrap of paper in his hand," he threatened. "He didn't start to go out at all!"

Dale rose. Was Anderson trying a chance shot in the dark—or had he stumbled upon some fresh evidence against her? She could not tell from his manner.

"Why do you say that?" she feinted.

"His cap's there on the table," said the detective with crushing terseness. Dale started. She had not remembered the cap—why hadn't she burned it—concealed it—as she had concealed the blue-print? She passed a hand over her forehead, wearily.

Miss Cornelia watched her niece.

"If you're keeping anything back, Dale—tell him," she said.

Dale knew herself cornered at last. The detective's deductions were only too shrewd—do what she would, she could keep him away from the truth no longer.

"He was going to take the money and go away with it!" she said, rather pitifully, feeling a certain relief of despair steal over her, now that she no longer needed to go on lying—lying—involving herself in an inextricable web of falsehood.

"Dale!" gasped Miss Cornelia, alarmed. But Dale went on, reckless of consequences to herself, though still warily shielding Jack.

"He changed the minute he heard about it. He was all kindness before that—but afterward—" She shuddered, closing her eyes. Fleming's face rose before her again, furious, distorted with passion and greed—then, suddenly, quenched of life.

Anderson turned to Miss Cornelia triumphantly.

"She started to find the money—and save Bailey," he explained, building up his theory of the crime. "But to do it she had to take Fleming into her confidence—and he turned yellow. Rather than let him get away with it, she—" He made an expressive gesture toward his hip-pocket.

"Isn't that true?" demanded Anderson. Dale already felt the cold clasp of handcuffs on her slim wrists. What use of denial, when every tiny circumstance was so leagued against her? And yet she must deny.

"I didn't kill him," she repeated, perplexedly, weakly.

"Why, didn't you call for help? You—you knew I was here?"

Dale hesitated. "I—I couldn't." The moment the words were out of her mouth she knew from his expression that they had only cemented his growing certainty of her guilt.

"Dale! Be careful what you say!" warned Miss Cornelia agitatedly. Dale looked dumbly at her aunt. Her answers must seem the height of reckless folly to Miss Cornelia—oh, if there were only some one who understood!

Anderson resumed his grilling.

"Now I mean to find out two things," he said, advancing upon Dale. "Why you did not call for help—and what you have done with that blue-print."

"SupposeI could find that piece of blue-print for you?" said Dale, des-

"I Didn't Kill Him," She Repeated, Perplexedly, Weakly.

perately. "Would that establish Jack Bailey's innocence?"

The detective stared at her keenly for a moment.

"If the money's there—yes."

Dale opened her lips to reveal the secret, reckless of what might follow. As long as Jack was cleared—what matter what happened to herself? But Miss Cornelia nipped the heroic attempt at self-sacrifice in the bud.

She put herself between her niece and the detective, shielding Dale from his eager gaze.

"But her own guilt!" she said, in tones of great dignity. "No, Mr. Anderson—granting that she knows where that paper is—and she has not said that she does—I shall want more time and much legal advice before I allow her to turn it over to you."

All the unconscious note of command that long-inherited wealth and the pride of a great name can give was in her voice, and the detective, for the moment, bowed before it, defeated. He gave up his grilling of Dale, for the present, and turned to question the doctor and Beresford who had just returned, with Jack Bailey, from their grim task of placing Fleming's body in a temporary resting place in the library.

"Well, Doctor?" he grunted.

The doctor shook his head.

"Poor fellow—straight through the heart."

"Were there any powder marks?" queried Miss Cornelia.

"No—and the clothing was not burned. He was apparently shot from some little distance—and I should say from above."

The detective received this information without the change of a muscle in his face. He turned to Beresford—resuming his attack on Dale from another angle.

"Beresford, did Fleming tell you why he came here tonight?"

Beresford considered the question.

"No. He seemed in a great hurry—said Miss Ogden had telephoned him—and asked me to drive him over."

"Why did you come up to the house?"

"We-el," said Beresford with seeming candor, "I thought it was putting rather a premium on friendship to keep me sitting out in the rain all night, so I came up the drive—and, by the way!" He snapped his fingers irritatedly, as if recalling some significant incident that had slipped his memory, and drew a battered object from his pocket. "I picked this up, about a hundred feet from the house," he explained. "A man's watch. It was partly crushed into the ground, and, as you see, it's stopped running."

The detective took the object and examined it carefully. A man's open-face gold watch, crushed and battered in as if it had been trampled upon by a heavy heel.

"Yes," he said thoughtfully. "Stopped running at ten-thirty. Anybody here recognize it?"

The detective silently held up the watch so that all present could examine it. He waited. But if anyone in the party recognized the watch—no one moved forward to claim it.

"You didn't hear any evidence of a struggle, did you?" went on Beresford. "The ground looked as if a fight had taken place—of course it might have been a dozen other things."

Miss Cornelia started.

"Just about ten-thirty, Lizzie heard somebody cry out, in the grounds," she said.

The detective slipped the watch in his pocket.

"Do you always carry a flashlight, Mr. Beresford?" asked Miss Cornelia, a trifle suspiciously.

"Always at night in the car." His reply was prompt and certain.

"This is all you found?" queried the detective—a curious note in his voice.

"Yes." Beresford sat down, relieved. Miss Cornelia followed his example—another clew had led into a blind-alley—leaving the mystery of the night's affair as impenetrable as ever.

"Some day I hope to meet the real estate agent who promised me that I would sleep here as I never slept before!" she murmured acridly. "He's right! I've slept with my clothes on every night since I came!"

As she ended, Billy darted in from the hall, his beady little black eyes gleaming with excitement, a long, wicked-looking butcher-knife in his hand.

"Key, kitchen door, please!" he said, addressing his mistress.

"Key?" said Miss Cornelia, startled. "What for?"

For once Billy's polite little grin was absent from his countenance.

"Somebody's outside trying to get in," he chattered. "I see knob turn, so," he illustrated with the butcher-knife, "and so—three times."

The detective's hand went at once to his revolver.

"You're sure of that, are you?" he said roughly to Billy.

"Sure, I sure!"

"Where's that hysterical woman, Lizzie?" queried Anderson. "She may get a bullet in her if she's not careful."

"She see too. She shut in closet—say prayers, maybe," said Billy, without a smile.

The picture was a ludicrous one but not one of the little group laughed.

"Doctor, have you a revolver?" Anderson seemed to be going over the possible means of defense against this new peril.

"No."

"How about you, Beresford?"

Beresford hesitated.

"Yes," he admitted finally. "Always carry one at night in the country." The statement seemed reasonable enough but Miss Cornelia gave him a sharp glance of mistrust, nevertheless.

The detective seemed to have more confidence in the young idler.

"Beresford, will you go with this Jap to the kitchen?" as Billy, grimly clutching his butcher-knife, retraced his steps toward the hall. "If anyone's working at the knob—shoot through the door. I'm going round to take a look outside."

The detective ran lightly up into the alcove and tiptoed out of the terrace door, closing the door behind him. Beresford and Billy departed to take up their posts in the kitchen. "I'll go with you, if you don't mind—" and Jack Bailey had followed them—leaving Miss Cornelia and Dale alone with the doctor. Miss Cornelia, glad of the opportunity to get the doctor's theories on the mystery, without Anderson's interference, started to question him at once.

"Doctor."

"Yes." The doctor turned, politely.

"Have you any theory about this occurrence tonight?" She watched him eagerly as she asked the question.

He made a gesture of bafflement.

"None whatever—it's beyond me," he confessed.

"And yet you warned me to leave this house," said Miss Cornelia, cannily. "You didn't have any reason to believe that the situation was even as serious as it has proved to be?"

"I did the perfectly obvious thing when I warned you," said the doctor, easily. "Those letters made a distinct threat."

Miss Cornelia could not deny the truth in his words. And yet she felt decidedly unsatisfied with the way things were progressing.

"You said Fleming had probably been shot from above?" she queried, thinking hard.

The doctor nodded, "Yes."

"Have you a pocket-flash, doctor?" she asked him suddenly.

"Why—yes—" The doctor did not seem to perceive the significance of the query. "A flashlight is more important to a country doctor than—castor oil," he added, with a little smile.

Miss Cornelia decided upon an experiment. She turned to Dale.

"Dale, you said you saw a white light shining down from above?"

"Yes," said Dale, in a minor voice.

Miss Cornelia rose.

"May I borrow your flashlight, doctor? Now that fool detective is out of the way," she continued, somewhat acidly, "I want to do something."

The doctor gave her his flashlight with a stare of bewilderment. She took it and moved into the alcove.

"Doctor, I shall ask you to stand at the foot of the small staircase, facing up."

The doctor slowly followed her into the alcove and took up the position she assigned him at the foot of the stairs.

"Now, Dale," said Miss Cornelia, briskly, "when I give the word, you put out the lights here—and then tell me when I have reached the point on the staircase from which the flashlight seemed to come. All ready?"

Two silent nods gave assent. Miss Cornelia left the room to seek the second floor by the main staircase and then slowly return by the alcove stairs, her flashlight poised, in her reconstruction of the events of the crime. At the foot of the alcove-stairs the doctor waited uneasily for her arrival. He glanced up the stairs—were those her footsteps now? He peered more closely into the darkness.

An expression of surprise and apprehension came over his face.

He glanced swiftly at Dale—was she watching him? No—she sat in her chair, musing. He turned back toward the stairs and made a frantic, insistent gesture—"Go back, go back!" it said, plainer than words, to—Something—in the darkness by the head of the stairs. Then his face relaxed—he gave a noiseless sigh of relief.

Dale, rousing from her brown study, turned out the standing lamp by the table and went over to the main light-switch, awaiting Miss Cornelia's signal to plunge the room in darkness. The doctor stole another glance at her—had his gestures been observed?—apparently not.

Unobserved by either, as both waited tensely for Miss Cornelia's signal, a Hand stole through the broken pane of the shattered French window behind their backs and fumbled for the knob which unlocked the window-door. It found the catch—unlocked it—the window-door swung open, noiselessly—just to admit a crouching figure, that cramped itself uncomfortably behind the settee which Dale and the doctor had placed to barricade those very doors. When it had settled itself, unperceived, in its lurking place—the Hand stole out again—closed the window-door, relocked it.

Hand or claw? Hand of man or woman or paw of beast? In the name of God—whose hand?

Miss Cornelia's voice from the head of the stairs broke the silence.

"All right! Put out the lights!"

Dale pressed the switch. Heavy darkness. The sound of her own breathing. A mutter from the doctor. Then, abruptly, a white, piercing shaft of light cut the darkness of the stairs—horribly reminiscent of that other light-shaft that had signaled Fleming's doom.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Comments on Britons' Lack of Individuality

Among the visitors to this country just arrived from the West is a man who left England 35 years ago. He has prospered abroad and now comes to take his case in his "ain countree."

What are the differences he notices chiefly in our national make-up from the people he left a generation and more ago? He tells you frankly: "You're all alike, as like as two chips. There is a similarity of faces and expression, of occupation and idling. I find less individuality among people here at home now, less character, less sharply defined natures. I think the fact that so many of you play some sort of game is responsible for a general lack of character. Games don't develop anything but your muscles. They cramp the character, I'm sure.

"In times gone by I can recall nine out of ten of my father's friends who were real characters, individuals. They had a zest in life and blazed their own trail, whether it was footpath or high road. It was their own way of living. They had a definite reading of life. Then every person you met was a new experience. Today everybody's cut and dried, an economical factor, eh?" And his cheery laugh mitigated the sting.—London Chronicle.

Weight of Words

The domestic efficiency expert will have to invent a new set of scales for the weighing of words. If a husband talks too little a wife may get a divorce, was a ruling in a court of domestic relations a few days ago. If a wife talks incessantly she is also guilty of mental cruelty, was a verdict rendered by another judge. Is it not too much for anyone to say just what is the balanced ration?—Los Angeles Times.

Bird Has Wide Range

The sora is a bird of the rail family. This is a swamp bird that lives entirely in marshes, usually fresh or brackish waters, and ranges over the entire North American continent, as far north as southern Canada. It winters from the southern part of the United States south to northern South America. These birds are all poor flyers. They run through weeds and rushes and have the appearance of being weak-winged. However, they make rather long migratory flights. The sora lays 6 to 18 eggs. In some regions the bird is hunted as game, and an open season is provided by federal law.

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California Ranch News

California apples will be more plentiful this year than in 1925, but markedly more scare than last year. The estimated yield of 4,413,000 boxes is almost 2,000,000 boxes under last year's production, but over a million boxes in excess of the 1925 yield.

There is not going to be any frost on the pumpkins of the San Joaquin Valley this year if the weather prevalent so far for November continues. There has been no frost and tender vegetables such as tomotoes and potatoes are still growing vigorously, with roses and lilies blooming along with such late flowers as chrysanthemums.

Canning peach growers of California lost approximately $1,170,275 by not restricting their deliveries to canneries and allowing an additional 50,000 tons of fruit to rot on the ground, the division of markets of the State Department of Agriculture announced last week after a study of the 1927 pack and prices.

The board of directors of the California Fruit Growers' Exchange announced last week that it had adopted to amend the national immigration laws to bring Mexican immigration under the quota provision. The resolution is being sent to California senators and congressmen urging them to oppose the legislation, and pointing out that 11,000 citrus growers represented by the organization are almost entirely dependent upon Mexican labor for picking their crops.

Plans for the second annual Christmas Fat Stock Week, to be held at the Los Angeles Union Stock Yards on December 5 to 10, are well under way, under the direction of an executive committee composed of D. H. Lillywhite, R. A. Condee, J. A. McNaughton, C. B. Swift and Julian McPhee. The premium list, carrying more than $2000 in prize money in open classes for individuals and carlots of sheep, cattle and swine, has already been mailed to prospective exhibitors.

The 1927-28 orange season of the Redlands district is nearly here and the packing-houses are ready for another season. The checkup of the last season shows that so far about 6009 cars have been shipped, and it is probable that the total will reach 6020 cars, as some Valencia oranges recently remained in the packing-house to be shipped. The new crop will not be so large, conservative estimates being that it will be 1000 cars short of that of 1926-27 crop. Early rains have been of the greatest benefit, however, and the crop may be larger than was first estimated.

Preliminary estimates of California's rice production, announced last week by the Federal-State Co-operative Crop Reporting Service, places the crop at 8,905,000 bushels, equivalent to 3,987,000 bags. Compared with the production in 1926, this is an increase of 910,000 bushels. As a result of this gain in yield, California will rank second among the state in the output of rice, being exceeded only by Louisiana, which will produce in excess of 16,000,000 bushels.

Importance of irrigation in California is reflected in a report just completed for the Orange County Investment Corporation whcih discloses that approximately $100,000,000 in irrigation bonds are outstanding in the State; the present value of land securing the bonds is about $800,000,000, and before irrigation facilities were provided those same lands did not produce crops to justify a total land value in excess of $25,000,000. Irrigation in California has, therefore, been responsible for a net increase in land values of $775,000,000, the report points out, and the annual average return for the past five years on gross production on the lands of irrigation districts will average more than $200,000,000 a year.

The total walnut production of the State is set at 42,000 tons—a figure nearly three times as great as the production in 1926. Almonds will total 11,600 tons, a decrease of 4,000 tons.

Southern Pacific company has applied to the Railroad Commission for permission to cancel a rate of $75.00 per double-deck car on feeder sheep from Red Bluff to Mott, and return. Upon cancellation of the 73.00 rate the charge for such shipment will be $100.00 per car for the round-trip movement.

Planting of spinach in the Porterville district, in preparation for the spring canning season, has recently been under way. About 250 acres will be devoted to cultivation of this vegetable, according to L. W. Walters, manager of the Porterville plant of the Fred B. Neuhoff company, first cutting of the spinach will be about March 1st. The local plant is being remodeled in preparation for the coming campaign. Last season the Porterville plant put out 40,000 cases of spinach, and this year about 75,000 cases are anticipated.

The Riverside district has recorded the biggest citrus year in its history, with 5990 carloads of fruit shipped. Returns to growers were at least $7,000,000, and for the entire county will probably exceed $10,000,000. There were 5643 carloads of oranges and grapefruit, and 347 carloads of lemons shipped from Riverside area during the 1926-1927 season.

Frost warning service will again be rendered by the Porterville Chamber of Commerce this season for benefit of citrus growers and others desiring this information. This service has proven of great benefit to growers during other seasons. The greater portion of the growers are reached over telephones, while bulletins are also posted.

Planting of wheat, barley and other grains in the Tulare county grain districts will soon be in full swing and much plowing was started as a result of recent storms, according to Farm Adviser C. M. Conner. Bart wheat will be the favorite this year, while some Sonora will be planted. A number of growers recently began seeding barley for feeding purposes.

The annual meeting of the California Baby Chick Association will be held in San Jose on December 8, 9 and 10, according to an announcement just made by F. M. Molby, of Bell, secretary to the organization. An interesting and instructive program has been arranged, and a large attendance is anticipated.

Harvesters of the San Fernando Valley lettuce crop are in the midst of their work loading trucks for market. The crop is now packing about 30 to 35 per cent. Most of it, still in the fields, is of rich green color and attractive to motorists passing by on the highways. Recent rains have done some slight damage. Growers assert that if another week of cool weather is maintained the best part of the yield may be gotten to market in fine shape. In the valley this year only 3000 cares were planted to autumn lettuce. Last year 8000 acres were planted.

Rains in all vegetable section of the State early in November have been of great benefit to all growing crops, according to the November report of conditions just issued by the bureau of crop and livestock estimates of the United States Department of Agriculture, in co-operation with the California Department of Agriculture. No damaging frosts have occurred in any of the main vegetable sections since the second week in October, and all crops have been enjoying favorable conditions. The head lettuce crop has been planted in the Imperial Valley area, and thinning has been done in the Salt River Valley of Arizona.

California growers have maintained their reputation as leaders in co-operative marketing, to judge by the annual report of E. G. Dezell, general manager of the California Fruit Growers' Exchange, just released. Based on returns for the organization, which markets practically three-fourths of the California citrus crop, the industry returned for the year ending October 31, approximately $120,000,000 on 70,600 carloads of oranges, lemons and grapefruit, the highest figures for both volume of shipment and returns in the history of the industry. Returns f.o.b. California were nearly $22,000,000 ahead of last year, and shipments nearly 7000 cars greater. The estimated retail value of the crop was $225,000,000.

An addition is to be made to California's fig acreage with the opening of a new unit of 1000 acres, to be planted to Clarkadota figs, as part of the Romola project in Riverside county, just announced by Alexander Hursh, president of the Pacific Development Company, sponsoring the enterprise. Plans for the erection of a large cannery at Romoland with modern machinery to process the product of the big orchards are being made, according to President Hursh. The cannery is to be operated on a co-operative basis, three-fourth of the net proceeds to go to the growers. Aside from the fig plantings, more than 2500 acres of the project have been planted to juice grapes.

The potato crop of California estimated at 7,956,000 bushels, an increase of more than a million bushels over last year's yield. Sweet potatoes are estimated at 1,200,000 bushels, which is 36,600 bushels over the crop in 1926.

Excellent growing conditions during the late summer have brightened the outlook for bean yields of the State. Beans "other than limas" are expected to total 2,473,000 bushels, while all varieties will produce a yield of 4,897,000 bushels, compared to 5,740,000 bushels a year ago.

The second car of navel oranges for the season to be shipped through the Tulare County Fruit Exchange at Porterville, of which W. E. Sprott is secretary- manager, went out from the Tule River packing house in the Success district, east of Porterville last week. This fruit went to San Francisco as did the first car of the season which moved from the Sunland packing house in Piano district early in the week. The first car was exported to Australia, returns being approximately $6 per box.

CALIFORNIA NEWS BRIEFS

Students in the animal science department of the University of California will be ensconsed in their new building at Davis by August, 1928, according to plans announced. Bids on the building, which is to cost approximately $300,000, were called for, to be opened November 25. Funds for the building were appropriated last winter by the legislature.

Motorists of California will pay a larger total gas tax than those of any State in the Union, according to government reports of the consumption for the first six months of 1927. These show that a total of $101,250,841 was collected for the first half year the country over. Of this total California stood first with $9,055,934, or approximately 9 per cent of the total.

New building operations at the University of California at Berkeley, involving an expenditure of about $1,850,000, will begin as soon as plans just ordered by the University regents can be drawn by the architects, it was announced last week from the office of President W. W. Campbell. The proposed construction will be the first step in providing the new buildings made possible by last year's $6,000,000 State bond issue.

A marked reduction in California fire losses this year, and especially in damage to timberlands, was reported by Fred G. Stevenot, State Director of natural resources. Total losses during the recent season of fire hazard, Stevenot declared, were $801,892.30 as compared with $978,424,462 last year. The damage to timberlands, he showed, amounted to only $19,275 against timber losses of $146,453 during the 1926 season.

Seventeen California counties fail to enforce the red-light abatement law, according to a year's survey completed by Edward E. Grant, an attorney retained by the State Law Enforcement League, and communicated last week to James A. Johnston, chairman of the State Crime Commission. Sacramento leads the cities in volume of vice, Grant says, and Vallejo leads in "brazenness." The counties marked in red in an accompanying chart are: San Francisco, Siskiyou, Humboldt, Shasta, Lassen, Plumas, Nevada, Colusa, Sonoma, Solano, Sacramento, Amador, Tuolumne, Fresno, Monterey, San Luis Obispo and Kern.

"Send us California flowers please. And, we shall send you Turki flowers —." This unusual request has come to this State from a University in Tashkent, which is in Turkestan, an out-lying province of Soviet Russia on the border of the Himalayas. The message has been received here at the botanical division of the California Academy of Science, in charge of Miss Alice Eastwood. Already the exchange of flowers has taken place between California and Turkestan, at the opposite ends of the earth.

Faced with reports that child labor is on the increase in California, the State Department of Education last week launched an investigation of the situation to determine whether provisions of the compulsory school attendance law are being violated. William John Cooper, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, ordered all city, country and district school superintendents to take up the problem immediately with attendance supervisors.

California holders of Irish bond certificates, for which $450,000 was subscribed in 1920 and which are expected to have a redemption value of more than $100,000, are in danger of forfeiting their claims unless they take prompt steps to seek redemption, according to a statement made last week by Daniel E. Doran, who acted as secretary of the San Francisco district of the Irish bond campaign. "Holders of bond certificates must file their claims with the receivers appointed by the New York courts prior to January 15, 1928, in order that they may receive their share of the $2,800,000 which is available for the payment of bond certificate subscribers," said Doran.

Thirty miles of trees will be planted during the next few months to grow to grace the highways of Los Angeles county, if the plans of the forestry department of the county do not miscarry. Snuggled up against the hills in Altadena are about 300,000 trees that gradually will be transplanted in various parts of the county. An ambitious program of reforestation is to be carried out by Chief Forester Turner and Chief Assistant Forester Stanford. Their plan covers, in addition to wayside planting, a better watershed cover. Besides the Altadena nursery, which has a capacity of 500,000 trees, there are other fields which are running to their capacity of about 80,000 this year.

Automobile License buying time comes right along with Christmas shopping time and motorists are being urged to adorn their cars with the new blue and gold 1928 plates at the same time that they are decorating the Chirstmas tree. The renewal registration period has been advanced to December 15 this year by Frank G. Snook, chief of the State Motor Vehicle Division, to facilitate the tremendous task of issuing new plates to some 1,700,000 California automobile owners in a comparatively brief period

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Large size olive, Century brand. (Limit 4)

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5c	Light every time 5c
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10 lbs. Good Washington Gem **POTATOES, 25c**

Newton, Pippin apples, Per lb. **5c**

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Cream Squash 6 lbs. **25c**

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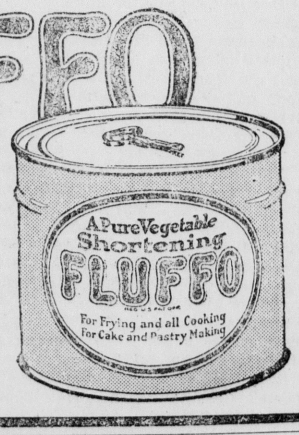

FLUFFO, 1 lb. can **25c**

FLUFFO, 2 lb. can **47c**

NEWARK

Miss Mabel Clarke and Mr. Frank Clarke spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. R D. Rowe of Oakland Others in the party were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rowe, Mr. and Mrs. Robison of Portland, and Mrs. Marian James and daughter from Maryland.

On Friday evening, December 2nd, at the Newark School Auditorium the Alvarado Dramatic Club, under the directorship of Frank Jones, will present "A Family Disturbance." This play was staged at Alvarado a couple of weeks ago.

Next Sunday evening December 4, there will be no church services at the Newark Presbyterian church as the congregation will join with that of the First Presbyterian church of San Leandro, in the services at that place. The occasion will be the installation of Rev. Merchant S. Bush of Boston, who was recently appointed to the San Leandro charge.

Richard Midgley from the state or Minnesota arrived in Niles Monday. He is visiting at the home fo his aunt, Mrs. Roy Rose and may remain here permanently.

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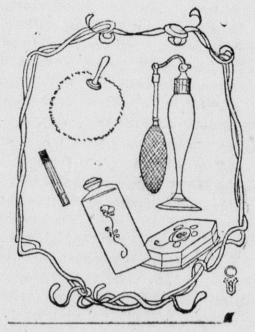

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PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rose of Niles, entertained Miss Margaret Kling and Mr. Owen Swainson at Thanksgiving dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Hadad were entertained at dinner at the home of the latter's sister, Mrs. Fred Napham.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Ellis of Niles and Mr. and Mrs. Lannes Sharman and little son of Centerville, were Thanksgiving Day guests at the home of Captain and Mrs. George Sterbeck of Alameda.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rose of Niles entertained Mr. and Mrs. Paul of Washington state, who are making their home here this winter, at Thanksgiving dinner.

Thanksgiving Day guests at the H. C. Roland home included William Johnson of Newark, Gus Oertell of New Jersey, Herb Roland of Oakland, Miss Gladys Kirchoffer of Sacramento and Wm. Koller of Niles. The group motored to Saratoga during the day. Mrs. J. M. B. Williams of Oakland was also a week end guest at the Roland home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Champion and daughter of Oakland visited at the parental E. B. McPherson home Sunday.

Mrs. Emily Johnson returned Monday afternoon from a week end visit with her daughter at Napa.

Mrs. Johnson plans to move from Niles to Napa about Dec. 15.

Mrs. Caniff and Mrs. Cook of Los Angeles who have been visiting at the Roger Hatch home for several weeks started on the return trip to Los 'Angeles Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hunt, Jr., and three children left for their home at Bakersfield Saturday, after spending a week with Mr. Hunt's parents at Niles.

ENTERTAINS AT BRIDGE

Mrs. E. A. Ellsworth very delightfully entertained a group of friends at bridge Tuesday afternoon.

CHRISTMAS GOODS ARE ON DISPLAY

Throughout Washington Township many of the merchants are carrying most attractive lines. It is a wise thing for all of us to look over the home merchants' lines and buy at home if possible, for the dollar spent at home is the only one we have much chance of getting back.

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PARIS CORN, 2 cans **25c**
Tender kernels, sweet Maine corn

PINK SALMON, tall can **14c**
Good Alaskan salmon

STRAWBERRY PRESERVES, Mutual, **69c**
Made of pure fruit and cane sugar, 3 lb. jar

QUAKER CORN MEAL, 27 oz. pkg. **10c**
Yellow meal,

FREE One water toy with the purchase of 3 bars Dona Castile Soap at this special price. 3 bars **25c**

CIGARETTES, Chesterfields, each **$1.19**
In carton of 200

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ONIONS, Brown or yellow varieties 4 lbs. **15c**

CHOCOLATES, 8 oz. bag **13c**
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